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SAMI STORYTELLER TO VISIT SOLVANG LIBRARY Appearing with Musician Bringing Songs from Scandinavia

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Award winning Sami storyteller Stina Fagertun will visit Solvang Library on Tuesday morning, April 23 at 11 a.m., bringing a program of original and traditional Arctic stories for children. Fagertun received an award in her native Norway for her collection and recording of ancient and unique fairy tales from the Sami, Kven, and Arctic storyteller traditions. Solvang Library, a branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library System, is located at 1745 Mission Drive.

Appearing with her will be musician Ross Sutter from Minnesota, a talented multi-instrumentalist who is known for performing both traditional and popular songs from Scandinavia and America. The event is free to the public, and is best for children ages 4 and up.

The Sami, or Saami, are the indigenous people inhabiting the Arctic area of Sápmi, which today encompasses parts of far northern Sweden, Norway, Finland, the Kola Peninsula of Russia, and the border area between south and middle Sweden and Norway. Ms. Fagertun and Mr. Ross's appearance is co-sponsored by the Book Loft of Solvang and the Friends of the Library of Santa Ynez Valley.

All Library programs are FREE and open to the public. For more information library on events and programs please call 805-688-4214, or visit the library system's website at www.sbplibrary.org.

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